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1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES PROPOSED TEXT AS STATED REFTEL
WITH CHANGES NOTED BELOW. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED
WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES AND U.S. DEL IS AUTHORIZED
TO DISCUSS TEXT FURTHER WITH COSPONSORS AND APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONSIN GENEVA.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED
ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITIES FOR ECE TO ENCOURAGE
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MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND IN RESEARCH

ACTIVITIES.

3. IN SECTION 1)B) OF PROPOSED TEXT SUGGEST CHANGE FIRST WORD "DEVELOPING" TO "PROMOTING". PROMOTION SEEMS A MORE REALISTIC ACTIVITY IN SUCH A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT.

4. UNDER SECTION 2 OF PROPOSED TEXT DEPARTMENT WISHES DELETION OF ENTIRE ITEM DEALING WITH THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. THESE ARE BASIC ACTIVITIES OF THE WMO WHICH THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT VERY SATISFACTORILY FOR

100 YEARS, THEREFORE THE RECOMMENDATION APPEARS UNNECESSARY UNLESS DEL CAN SUPPLY FURTHER JUSTIFICATION.

5. IN SECTION 3 OF PROPOSED TEXT DEPARTMENT AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED ASSESSMENT BY UNISIST. WE WOULD WELCOME, HOWEVER, FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON INTENTIONS OR OBJECTIVES OF OTHER DELS IN SUPPORTING THIS OPEN-ENDED ASSESSMENT OF "PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INFORMATION SYSTEM OF OPTIMUM BENEFIT TO PARTICIPATING STATES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY". WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPING SUCH A REGIONAL SYSTEM IN A UN ORGANIZATION AND THE FACT, PARTICULARLY FOR TECHNOLOGY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE QUID PRO QUO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. SUGGEST CHANGING PHRASE BEGINNING WITH "WORLD SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION SYSTEM" TO "WORLD SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION PROGRAM (UNISIST), IN COORDINATION WITH ECE, ICSU.....". ALSO, THAT "OPTIMUM BENEFIT" BE CHANGED TO "OPTIMUM AND MUTUAL BENEFIT." RUSH

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